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NIGERIAN STUDENT INDICTED FOR IMPORTING HEROIN FROM NIGERIA

David L. Huber, United States Attorney for the Western District of Kentucky, announced today that a federal Grand Jury in Bowling Green **returned an Indictment** charging **SHABAN ABDULKARIM**, age 22, of 717 Frederica Street, Owensboro, Kentucky, with conspiracy to import heroin and conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute heroin.

The Indictment alleges that from October 2006 until on or about November 15, 2006, in Daviess County, Kentucky, **Abdulkarim** conspired with others to import 100 grams or more of heroin, worth approximately \$150,000 on the street, into the United States from Lagos, Nigeria. **Abdulkarim** is also being charged with knowingly and intentionally possessing that heroin with the intent to distribute it.

If convicted, the maximum penalties are 80 years imprisonment, a \$4,000,000 fine, and supervised release for a period of at least four years.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Daniel P. Kinnicutt, and it was investigated by the Drug Enforcement Administration.

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Abdulkarim is scheduled to appear for arraignment before the United States Magistrate Judge on December 21, 2006, at 10:00 a.m., in Owensboro, Kentucky.

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The indictment of a person by a Grand Jury is an accusation only and that person is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

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